

EDWARD LEE.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 539.]

MARCH 30, 1860.

Mr. FOSTER, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom were referred the petition and papers of Edward Lee, asking a pension, make the following report:

The evidence shows that the petitioner enlisted in the army of the United States, and was attached to company A, second regiment of infantry. That his company was stationed at Fort Niagara, in the State of New York, and being a baker by trade, he performed the work of a baker, in addition to that of a soldier, which fact is verified by the officer in command of the fort.

It also appears by the proof that he was ordered by his commanding officer to assist in the raising of a building within the enclosure of the fort for the use of the troops; and while thus employed raising a piece of heavy timber his foot was jammed and broken at the ankle joint, from which wound he lingered in confinement, and was finally discharged from the service as a permanent invalid. The testimony shows that he is incapable of performing manual labor so as to afford him a competent support.

There being no general law covering casualties of this sort drives the sufferer to Congress for relief. Your committee are of opinion that this is a case requiring special relief, and they therefore report the accompanying bill.

